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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED ON OPIC VISIT

PASS TO JOHN CRAWFORD FROM OPIC

1. OPIC INVESTMENT OFFICER SVENSK NOW RETURNED FROM WEST AFRICA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOW-UP ON OPIC'S BEHALF OF SEVERAL PROJECTS DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY WHICH REQUIRE FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEFORE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION POSSIBLE IN U.S. SVENSK UNABLE TO COMPLETE WORK IN ABIDJAN DUE TO IMPROMPTU NATIONAL HOLIDAY AND EXCESSIVE TIME REQUIRED TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS.

2. THE FIRST POTENTIAL PROJECT NEEDING ATTENTION IS SMALL HAND TOOLS. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO VISIT MOTORAGRI TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXPANDING WITH A U.S. PARTNER, INTO WHAT PRODUCT LINES, AND UNDER WHAT TERMS? MOTORAGRI MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A PROJECT INVOLVING FILES AND SAW BLADES WITH A COMPANY SUCH AS NICHOLSON FILE AND ALSO POSSIBLY IN THE ELECTRICAL TOOLS ASSEMBLY OPERATION AS PROPOSED BY SKIL CORPORATION. IF THEY HAVE OTHER IDEAS,
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WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN PURSUING THEM AS WELL. COULD YOU

ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE ARE OTHER IVORIAN GROUPS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING AND CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING AN ASSEMBLY OPERATION AS OUTLINED BY SKIL CORP? EMBASSY HAS SKIL PRODUCT BROCHURE. IF EMBASSY DETERMINES THERE IS NO OPPORTUNITY HERE, PLEASE ADVISE.

3. THE SECOND AREA NEEDING INVESTIGATION IS IN AVOCADO PRODUCTION AND EXPORT. WHAT IS SOPRODAV'S FEELINGS TOWARDS EXPANSION WITH U.S. PARTNERS, WHAT WOULD THEY LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH, AND UNDER WHAT TERMS? IT WOULD BE A GREAT HELP IF YOU COULD VISIT WITH THEM AND DETERMINE THEIR INTEREST.

4. AS DISCUSSED WITH SVENSK, A MONTHLY LIST OF ALL BUSINESSMEN WHO VISIT THE IVORY COAST WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO US IN OUR INVESTMENT PROMOTION EFFORTS. A VERY BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. WE ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO FOLLOW UP THESE LEADS IN THE U.S.

5. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO OBTAIN FROM THE MINISTRY OF ANIMAL PRODUCTION THE ANNUAL KILL FIGURES FOR CATTLE, SHEEP AND GOATS, AND PIGS IN THE ABATTOIRS IN THE ABIDJAN AREA AS THERE IS A POTENTIAL U.S. INVESTOR INTERESTED IN THE POSSIBILITIES OF A TANNERY IN THE ABIDJAN REGION? HE ESSENTIALLY NEEDS TO KNOW WHETHER THERE IS A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF HIDES AVAILABLE IN A CONCENTRATED AREA TO LOOK FURTHER INTO THE POSSIBILITY.

6. SVENSK WILL SEND EMBASSY A COMPREHENSIVE TRIP REPORT ONCE IT IS COMPLETE. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THE ABOVE. KISSINGER

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